CITY of BOSTON



THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

The affordable connectivity program offers eligible households up to \$30/month for broadband service (and \$100 as a one-time discount for a device.)

WHAT IS IT?

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), replaces the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB), to help eligible households meet their digital needs during the pandemic and for the next five years.

The program pays your bill for service for eligible households up to \$30/month for broadband, and a one-time discount of up to \$100 towards a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. ¹

Please note: If you participated in the Emergency Broadband Program, you were automatically enrolled into the Affordable Connectivity Program and do not need to re-apply. After March 1, 2022, the maximum monthly benefit will change from EBB's \$50 per month to ACP's \$30 per month.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Households with income at or below 200% of the national poverty line.

Households where any member falls into one of these categories:

- You participate in certain assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, WIC, Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefits, or <u>Lifeline</u>.
- You participate in one of several Tribal programs.
- You received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year.
- You received benefits through a school lunch or breakfast program.

HOW TO APPLY

- Submit an application online at <u>ACPBenefit.org</u>.
- Through the mail in either **English** or **Spanish**.
- Contact a broadband provider directly. Use this <u>online tool</u> to find a participating provider near you if you do not have one.

To find out more about the ACP, check out the <u>program website</u>, call Boston's Broadband & Cable Office at 617-635-3112, or email <u>Digital.Equity@boston.gov</u>.

¹ A household is a group of people who live together and share money, while those who live together and do not share money are each their own separate household. Households qualify for ACP if any member meets the eliqibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income program.